

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Investigative Activity Report**

**Case Number:**

1000-0487

**Case Title:**

Pacific Steel and Recycling

**Subject of Report:**

20161007 Closing of the Case Investigation of Pacific Steel and Recycling

**Reporting Office:**

Seattle, WA, Area Office

**Activity Date:**

October 6, 2016

**Reporting Official and Date:**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Agent

07-OCT-2016, Signed by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Approving Official and Date:**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Special Agent in Charge

07-OCT-2016, Approved by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

**SYNOPSIS**

On October 7, 2016, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) closed the Pacific Steel and Recycling Investigation.

**DETAILS**

On October 7, 2016, I closed the Pacific Steel and Recycling Investigation.

This investigation was initiated after EPA CID was contacted by representatives of the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding a chemical release which occurred at the Pacific Steel and Recycling facility in Spokane, Washington.

The subsequent investigation was able to determine that Pacific Steel employees destroyed a 1-ton cylinder of compressed chlorine gas, releasing the gas into the environment. In the aftermath of the chlorine release, multiple employees and business related workers were sent to local hospitals for medical treatment. One Pacific Steel employee eventually succumbed to the injuries incurred in the release. Multiple subpoenas, interviews and investigative work was conducted with several state agencies including the Washington State Department of Ecology and Washington State Labor and Industries. (b)(5)

During the case closure, the case agent confirmed the following information:

All evidence gathered during the investigation has been returned or destroyed.

EPA Suspension and Debarment: N/A

Search Warrant Material: No search warrants were served in this investigation.

Grand Jury Material: All Grand Jury material obtained in this investigation has been returned or destroyed upon request.

Samples: No samples were collected.

There are no Duplicate Case File Records.

NCFL-TEC: No NCFL involvement.

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Final Judicial Action: (b)(5) [REDACTED].

Booker Form: Not applicable.

All case related email was copied onto CD-ROM and placed in Case File

A copy of the electronic case file was copied onto CD-ROM and placed in Case File

This case is closed.

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